

Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council
April 11, 2006
MacKenzie River Pizza, Belgrade, MT

CALL TO ORDER: 6:36pm by President, Ginny Francis.

ROLL CALL: Council members present were Ginny Francis, Rita Nixon, Todd Kesner, Kathy Cheney, Brenda Townsend, Betsey Heckel and Kelley Phipps. Guests present were Chris Phipps and Sonja Berg.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: Kathy moved, seconded by Brenda, that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried. A thank you letter was received from the 4-H Foundation for Gallatin County's support at the Foundation Dinner. A thank you letter was also received for the license plate donation from Gallatin County.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kelley moved, seconded by Brenda that the Treasurer's Report was approved as written. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

- Square Table: "Fun, Frolic, and 4-H: Come Play with Us!" is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2006, at 6:30 pm, at the Belgrade Middle School. This is open to 4-H leaders, families, and members. We are asking for RSVP's, as there is money set aside to fund a meal for this event.
- Demo Day: There were 40 kids signed up to give presentations, and 35 presentations given. Scheduling this on two nights worked quite well. The two top clubs for turnout were the Spud Rustlers at 42% and Clever Clovers at 41%. These clubs received a \$25.00 gift certificate for a pizza party.
- Montana 4-H Foundation Dinner: Eleven thousand dollars was raised at the dinner. Todd and Lisa Kesner, Ginny and Scott Francis, Dana and Randy Adams, and Kelley and Chris Phipps attended the dinner and had a wonderful time. A thank you was given to the Councils for the opportunity to attend.
- New Pre-teen Leadership Project: Todd Kesner, Kathy Cheney, and Pat Stackhouse have been meeting to get this new project rolling. This will be a project open to 6th to 8th grade members running for eight meetings. This project will help teach leadership with the hopes to have these kids help run the project along with the involvement of the Junior and Senior Ambassadors. The start date for this project will be September 2006.

OLD BUSINESS:

- New Ambassadors Needed: There have been no applications received for these positions. This is a two year commitment. This is open to anyone who turned 14 year of age by October 01, 2005 and older. Applications are due May 01, 2006. Brenda move, seconded by Kathy, that Todd consult with the current Ambassadors and pick the new Ambassadors. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Food Project Sales at Fair: Brenda moved, seconded by Kathy, that the sale be Wednesday after judging. Prices for food items shall be set by the Food Supervisor. One half of the proceeds are to be evenly split between the participants, and the remaining half go back to 4-H, place to be determined. Motion carried.
- National 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament Funds: Six kids qualified to go to Nationals in Rapid City, SD in June. Kathy moved that \$100.00, taken from the Late Fee Scholarships, be given to each kid that qualified for Nationals. Motion carried. In the Junior Olympics, two participants from Gallatin County placed 2nd and 3rd.
- WRLF Call for Proposals: WRLF is looking for project proposals. The due date for these proposals is April 30, 2006.
- Big Timber Water Slide Trip: Brenda moved, seconded by Kathy, that there be a county wide Big Timber Water Slide Trip on July 29, 2006. RSVP's required. Motion carried.
- State Leaders Forum Call for Proposals: Application deadline for proposals is April 30, 2006. The workshop will be held at U of M in Missoula on September 30 - October 01, 2006
- District 6 Leaders Meeting: The April 01, 2006 meeting in Harlowton was cancelled due to lack of interest. It is rescheduled to be held in Gallatin County in the fall.
- MSU Horse Camp Scholarships: Five requests for scholarships has been received. Todd has forward this information on to reserve their spots. Kathy moved, seconded by Brenda, that the five kids requesting scholarships receive \$100.00 out of the Late Fee Scholarships. Motion carried
- Alternative School Grant: Kathy moved, seconded by Brenda, that the grant application be forwarded to the Foundation to approve the full amount requested. Motion carried. There will be discussion at the next meeting of how to get other clubs up to speed.
- Club Start-Up Grant: Kathy moved, seconded by Kelley, that the grant application be forwarded to the Foundation to approve the full amount requested. Motion carried.
- Memorial Picnic Table Grant: Betsy moved, seconded by Brenda, that the grant application be forwarded to the Foundation will recommendations to approve \$200.00 of the requested \$381.00, with the suggestion to explore other sources. Motion carried.
- National Tree: Around the National Christmas Tree, is a tree representing every state. Dillards, in Billings, has been doing the Montana's state tree in years past, and are willing to give it up and allow Gallatin County 4-H to take on decorating the State Tree. Brenda moved, seconded by Kathy, that Gallatin County 4-H decorate the Montana State Tree in Washington, DC. Motion carried.
- Dinosaur Theme Playground: The Dinosaur Theme Playground is looking for kids to donate their time on September 05-11, 2006.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- April 17, 2006 - Horse Committee
- April 20, 2006 - Gallatin 4-H Foundation meeting
- May 09, 2006 - Gallatin 4-H unlimited Leaders Council meeting
- June 10-11, 2006 - Willow Creek Classic
- June 18-23, 2006 - Gallatin County 4-H Summer Camp

ADJOURNED: 8:26 pm by President, Ginny Francis.

Kelley Phipps, Secretary